fo•cus (fō´kəs): a center of interest and activity Sept./Oct., 1993

Morton Grove Public Library

MGPL's newsletter - INFO transformed into *focus*

Our newsletter has a new name and format to reflect new programs and services at the Library. You'll find upcoming events, and past successes profiled on the front page. You'll find a calendar summary, description of programs and activities, as well as information from the Children's Department on the inside pages. We'll tell you on pages three and four about on-going services, what you might have missed and what you'll want to mark on your calendar. We hope you find this new format helpful and easy to read. We invite you to focus on your library - your local center of interest and activity.

Sunday Concerts and Conversations

Come to the Baxter Room for music every Sunday at 2:00pm. Our season begins with a **Lyric Opera Profile on *La Traviata***. The beat picks up with the **Morton Grove Community Jazz Ensemble,** then the series goes into full swing with the **Big Band Sound of Deerfield**. October's music series opens with the music of the **Young Symphonic Prodigies: Haydn and Mozart**. The following Sunday, Marimbist **Lory Schrieber** will include children from the audience in her marimba performance. **Giacomo Puccini's *Tosca*** is highlighted in October's Lyric Opera Profile. **The Guitar Ensemble** of Oakton Community College will play folk songs from around the world and classic and contemporary guitar arrangements as the music series moves into its 7th week. Take a break from your Halloween haunts and listen to the music of **Quintossa Trombone Quintet,** as our last music program of the month.

Authors and Readers Together - at the Library

Authors will visit the library once a month for Authors and Readers Together, a Wednesday night series where readers have an opportunity to meet and talk with authors. In September, get the "Straight Dope" from **Ed Zotti,** spokesperson and front man for *Reader* columnist, Cecil Adams, the self-described "world's smartest man." Writer Ed Zotti's book ***Know It All!: The Fun Stuff you Never Learned in School*** is the product of an ongoing search for "the weird truth." Take a stab at stumping a trivia expert on Wed. Sept., 22nd at 7:00pm. **Dr. Paula Payne Hardin,** author of ***What are You Doing with the Rest of Your Life? Choices in Midlife*** will visit the Library on Wed. Oct. 20th at 7:00pm to discuss how we can grow older richly through all life's stages. As Director of Midlife Consulting Services, Dr. Hardin assists people in outlining a Life Satisfaction Chart that encourages active involvement in making creative choices for the second half of life. Copies of the author's books will be available for purchase at each event.

Cowboy humorist Will Rogers returns

Lance Brown will rope some stories as he depicts turn-of-the-century political humorist, and cowboy extraordinaire, Will Rogers, on Sat., Oct. 23rd at 2:00pm. Mosey on down to the MGPL for this adventure in American folklore.

Children's Dept. hosts Battle of the Books

Due to the success of the Battle of the Books for junior high students, the Children's room will also sponsor a Battle of the Books for 4th-6th graders this fall. Teams from area schools including East Prairie, Park View and St. Martha's will compete on weekday afternoons during October and November.

See inside for more

Find out how to organize your house, your finances and your body. Enjoy far away places on Earth and above, and listen to music and conversations, this Fall at the Morton Grove Public Library.

The Library will be closed
Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5 and 6, for Labor Day.

The Library will re-open on Sundays beginning Sept. 12.

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Friday 9 - 6
Saturday 9 - 5
Sunday (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

September

9/7	Tu	11:30am	Lunch Time Movies
9/10	Fr	10:00am	New Book Showcase
9/11	Sa	9 - 5	Libary Garage Sale
9/12	Su	2:00pm	Lyric Opera Profile *La Traviata*
9/13	Mo	2:30 & 7:30pm	Feature Film: *Like Water For Chocolate*
9/14	Tu	11:30am	Lunch Time Movies
9/14	Tu	7:00pm	New Technologies in Stress and Pain Relief
9/18	Sa	2:00pm	Australia & New Zealand
9/19	Su	2:00pm	Community Jazz Ensemble
9/21	Tu	11:30am	Lunch Time Movies
9/22	We	7:00pm	Author Program: Ed Zotti
9/26	Su	2:00pm	Big Band Sound of Deerfield
9/28	Tu	11:30am	Lunch Time Movies
9/29	We	7:30pm	Saving for College: Grants & Scholarships

October

10/3	Su	2:00pm	Young Symphonic Prodigies: Haydn & Mozart
10/5	Tu	11:30am	Lunch Time Movies
10/8	Fr	10:00am	New Book Showcase
10/9	Sa	2:00pm	Cut Your Clutter
10/10	Su	2:00pm	Marimba Music with Lory Schrieber
10/11	Mo	2:30 & 7:30pm	Feature Film: *Dave*
10/12	Tu	11:30am	Lunch Time Movies
10/17	Su	2:00pm	Lyric Opera Profile: *Tosca*
10/19	Tu	11:30am	Lunch Time Movies
10/20	We	7:00pm	Author Program: Paula Payne Hardin
10/23	Sa	2:00pm	Tribute To Will Rogers
10/24	Su	2:00pm	Guitar Ensemble
10/26	Tu	11:30am	Lunch Time Movies
10/27	We	7:00pm	Astronomy Slide Presentation
10/31	Su	2:00pm	Quintossa Trombone Quintet

New this fall: **Sunday Concerts** & **Authors and Readers Together**

Special Events

September

Lyric Opera Lecture - Giuseppe Verdi's ***La Traviata*** is the first in a series of profiles on the current Lyric Opera season. Barbara Roseman, of the Skokie Valley Chapter of Lyric Opera, will discuss this tale of a doomed romance between a courtesan and a gentleman. Sun. Sept. 12th at 2:00pm.

New Technologies in Stress and Pain Relief - Dr. Marshall Dickholtz will offer a free lecture and demonstration on new technologies available in the chiropractic treatment of pain and stress. Tues. Sept. 14th at 7:00pm.

Australia & New Zealand - Experience the beauty and drama of these Pacific locales as Raymond Kliphardt gives a slide presentation and history of the lands down under. Sat. Sept. 18th at 2:00pm.

Author Program: Professional know-it-all, Ed Zotti, author of *Know It All!: The Fun Stuff You Never Learned in School*, will be at the Library Wed. Sept. 22nd at 7:00pm to take on your questions.

Saving for College: Grants and Scholarships - a free seminar on saving for college, as well as grant and scholarship opportunities for college applicants, will be offered by three representatives from John Hancock Financial Services. The seminar will also focus on unique scholarships and grants available for Asian-Americans. Wed. Sept. 29th at 7:30pm.

October

Young Symphonic Prodigies: Haydn and Mozart - Music teacher and composer Jim Kendros will discuss the lives and music of Haydn and Mozart, exploring the early symphonies that signaled their musical genius. Sun. Oct. 3rd at 2:00pm.

Cut Your Clutter/Organize Your Home with Eileen Parelman of Everything In Its Place. Learn quick tips and successful techniques on how to maintain an orderly household. Sat. Oct. 9th at 2:00pm.

Marimba - Sunday concerts continue with Lory Schrieber playing the marimba and offering a history of the African and Central American roots of this unique xylophone-type instrument. Sun. Oct. 10th at 2:00pm.

Lyric Opera Lecture - Giacomo Puccini's ***Tosca*** is a romantic drama set amidst the palaces and prisons of Rome. Arn Buonamici profiles the epic music and political intrigues of the second offering in our Lyric Opera series. Sun. Oct. 17th at 2:00pm.

Author Program - Dr. Paula Payne Hardin, author of *What are You Doing with the Rest of Your Life? Choices in Midlife,* will discuss how to grow older richly, through all life's cycles, Wed. Oct. 20th at 7:00pm.

Tribute to Will Rogers - enjoy the folklore of America's favorite cowboy, with Lance Brown's dramatic presentation of Will Roger's humor, wisdom and music. Sat. Oct. 23rd at 2:00pm.

Guitar Ensemble - Michael Adamczyk conducts this group of Oakton Community College musicians playing classic and contemporary guitar arrangements. Sun. Oct. 24th at 2:00pm.

Backyard Astronomy - Jim Nachel will lead this slide show presentation on the stars, planets and constellations visible from your own backyard. Weather permitting, Mr. Nachel will identify various stars outside the library following the program. Wed. Oct. 27th at 7:00pm.

Quintossa Trombone Quintet - spend Halloween afternoon with the music of Quintossa. Sun. Oct. 31st at 2:00pm.

Programs

New Book Showcase

After a Summer of good books and great adventures, the New Book Showcase is back with a full line-up of Fall highlights. Join us at 10:00am the second Friday of each month for a review of nail-biting mysteries, provocative essays, inspiring biographies and future best sellers. Enjoy the coffee and conversations while we preview the latest Library acquisitions. Fri., Sept. 10th and Fri. Oct. 12th at 10:00am.

Feature films

The second Monday of each month the Library has free screenings of recently released feature films.

September: *Like Water for Chocolate* - This award-winning movie from Mexico, based on Laura Esquivel's best selling book and directed by Alfonso Arau, is a romantic tale of the nourishing aspects of love, passion and food. Rated - R (113 min.)

October: *Dave* - a decent, ordinary guy fills in for the President of the United States in this humorous story starring Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver. Rated PG-13 (107 min.)

Lunch Time Movies

Every Tuesday at 11:30am the Morton Grove Public Library screens an hour and a half of movies covering a range of interesting topics. Bring your lunch and sit back for our travelogs, documentaries, biographies and nature films.

Baxter Room Art Exhibit

September - *Next Door Nature,* photographs by Cliff Zenor of nature and wildlife.

October - *Faces,* photographs by Judy Ferry of people from around the world.

Armchair Adventures reading program a success

We took off with the Morton Grove Public Library's adult summer reading club, Armchair Adventures. Over 100 readers signed up to be Armchair Adventurers, reading a total of more than 300 books. We traveled the world, and explored the confines of our own backyard; learned about historic faces and places, and the latest in art and music; we were swept off our feet and scared to the bone, transported all Summer through books. We read, we won prizes, and on Sept. 11, from 2-4, we'll party! Join us next Summer for a new round of MGPL's adult summer reading club.

Could you be a future Library Patron of the Month?

Here are the summer winners:

June **- Miriam Noren**
"The Library has been a beacon in by life, pointing the way to acquiring knowledge; through books, I've experienced great adventures comfortably seated in my favorite armchair."

July **- Chris Johnson**
"I have always loved to read - devoured everything in sight - from dictionaries to cereal boxes! I spent hours and hours in the library as a child. The library was my best friend. I never did grow out of that friendship."

August **- Brian Choi**
"Everyone needs a book. It's too boring without a book. You can dream about the book you read at night. You might think you're in the story."

Library garage sale

Don't miss the Morton Grove Public Library's Fall Garage Sale, Saturday, September 11th from 9:00am - 5:00pm. If you didn't find what you wanted sailing through the summer season of garage and yard sales, try the Library. We have a lot to offer!

Kids Programs

The Fall session of children's classes will begin **October 4th**; registration will start **Sept. 13th** for Morton Grove residents, and **Sept. 20th** for non-residents.

Library Playtime for 2½ Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:

Thursday	10:30 am
Friday	10:30 am

Class limit – 12 and 12 parents

Stories & Stuff

Grades 1-2 Monday	7:00pm

Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts

Grades 1-3	Monday	4:00 pm
Grades 4-6	Friday	4:00 pm

Class limit – 15

Pre-School Story Hour
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:

Monday	1:00 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am
Thursday	6:45 pm

Class limit – 30

Creative Writing

Grades 2-6	Wed.	4:00 pm
or	Thurs.	4:00 pm

Class limit - 40

Summer reading program

The Summer Reading Program Party for all participants is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 18th at 10:00pm. Children who completed 15 reports will receive certificates. Prizes will be presented for best and most reports at each grade level. Raffle prizes will also be awarded. Over 290 children enrolled in the Library's Summer Reading Program, with over 3,500 reports submitted. Each child who completed the Bingo game, received a canvas MGPL book bag and now has his photo posted in the Children's Room.

MGPL library card registration winners

Four lucky Morton Grove Public Library card holders won books in our National Library Week drawing to celebrate how Libraries Change Lives. The winners, and the books they selected, were: **JoAnn Subaitis** (*Mary Ellen's Clean House* by Mary Ellen Pinkham), **Debra Dunkelberger** (*Gift of the Tree* by Alvin Tresselt), **Usha Narula** (*First Nights* by Susan Fromberg Schaeffer) and **Benjamin Manaloto** (*Star Trek, The Next Generation).*

Congratulations!

Recent additions for the hearing impaired

The Library has acquired a TDD (telephone device for the deaf) to provide hearing-impaired patrons with greater access to library services. The phone number, for TDD only, is **965-4236**.

Three Listenaider Assistive Listening Devices which provide amplification for those suffering from mild hearing loss are also available on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library's programming Coordinator at 965-4220.

MGPL – your information & entertainment resource

The Morton Grove Public Library has a wide selection of books, magazines and newsletters to serve your business, professional, educational and recreational needs. An extensive reference collection includes encyclopedias, indexes and current business services such as Moody's, Standard and Poor's and Value Line. The Library's CD-ROM indexes include Health Reference Center, featuring many full-text health-related articles as well as extensive bibliographic citations, and Magazine Index Plus .

The Morton Grove Public Library's Children's Department has a collection of over 45,000 books as well as audio cassettes, multi-media kits, toys, games, puzzles and videos for children to check out. The Children's Department offers year-round reading programs, art contests and regularly scheduled preschool story hours as well as creative writing and arts and crafts classes.

In this age of information, where knowledge can be the key to career and personal advancement and enhancement, your public library is a wonderful source of free information.

Macintosh available for public use

The Library now has a Macintosh computer and laser printer available for public use. In addition to a Macintosh tutorial, three software programs are available: MacWrite, a basic word processor; Microsoft Word, a full-featured word processor; and Symantec GreatWorks, a modular program that can be used for several types of applications, including spreadsheets, database management, charts , painting and drawing. In addition, both MacWrite and Word can open files created in other Mac word processing programs.

To reserve time on the Mac, or on the Library's Apple IIe, contact the Readers' Service Desk at 965-4220.

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